

The New Direction Congress:

Restoring the American Dream



Innovation Agenda Promoting 21st Century Jobs in a Global Economy

The America COMPETES Act was signed into law as the first major step in the 110th Congress Innovation Agenda. America's greatest resource to compete in a global economy can be found in classrooms across the country. The COMPETES Act will address the technology gap in our workforce and help turn ideas into innovative technologies to boost our economy and create good-paying American jobs. Benefits of the measure include:

- ★ Expanding the number of highly qualified math, science, engineering, and technology teachers in schools across the country;
- ★ Putting us on a path to doubling funding for basic research at the National Science Foundation, National Institute for Science and Technology and Department of Energy;
- ★ Maintaining the American edge in high-performance computing;
- ★ Boosting energy research and innovation, creating a new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy; and
- ★ Making small businesses even bigger players in the technology innovation sector, spurring new manufacturing processes and techniques, and supporting high-risk, high-reward technology development.